

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

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--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/317,198, filed May 24, 1999 (now abandoned).--

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Please delete the abstract on page 162 and insert the following:

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--This invention relates to novel multibinding compounds (agents) that are antibacterial agents. The multibinding compounds of the invention comprise from 2-10 ligands covalently connected by a linker or linkers, wherein each of said ligands in their monovalent (i.e., unlinked) state has the ability to bind to an enzyme involved in cell wall biosynthesis and metabolism, a precursor used in the synthesis of the bacterial cell wall and/or the bacterial cell surface thereby interfering with the synthesis and/or metabolism of the cell wall. Preferably, the ligands are selected from the beta-lactam or glycopeptide class of antibacterial agents.--

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